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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/581,478

Filed: June 14, 2000

For: HUMAN Napl PROTEIN

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: Examiner: Lisa B. Arthur

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: Group Art Unit: 1655

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: October 23, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated October 3, 2001 (Paper No.

6) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1, 8, 22 and 23), drawn to a Napl polypeptide and a therapeutic composition of Alzheimer's containing the polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350;

Group II (Claims 2-6, 20 and 21), drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a Napl polypeptide having the Napl function, a vector and a transformed cell, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5 and 435, subclasses 320.1 and 325;

Group III (Claims 9-15, 24-38), drawn to oligonucleotide, methods for detecting mRNA using the oligonucleotides, a method for repressing transcription using the oligonucleotide and a therapeutic composition containing the oligonucleotides, classified in class 435, subclass 6, class 536, subclass 24.31 and class 514, subclass 44; or

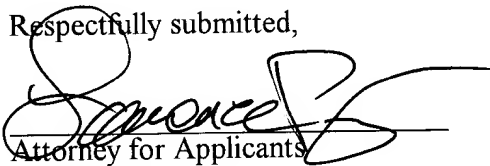
Group IV (Claims 16-19), drawn to an antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group II ,
namely Claims 2-6, 20 and 21.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by
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